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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: application, filed 6/20/2000; amendment filed 5/21/2004.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 13, 14, and 17 are independent claims.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see amendment, filed 5/21/2004, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,600,902 B1 to Bell, and in further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,367,558 to Gillig et al. have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,772,331 B1 to Hind.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,772,331 B1 to Hind.

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5. In regards to claims 1, 13, 14, and 17, Hind discloses the Bluetooth standard for communicating between two selected devices and/or multiple selected devices (Hind: column 1, lines 50-54). Hind also discloses that in order for two devices to be paired with one another entry of the same sting called a “PIN” at each device is required (Hind: column 2, lines 51-67). This meets the limitation of “upon link set-up over a short-range wireless link, executing an authentication protocol by exchanging authentication information between the first and second electronic devices to initially authenticate communication between the first and second devices.”
6. Hind discloses that the PIN is reused whenever communicating with the same partner (Hind: column 3, lines 25-26). This meets the limitation of “later, when the first and second electronic devices are beyond the short-range wireless link, executing the authentication protocol by exchanging the authentication information between the first and second electronic devices over an alternate communications link, then only allowing communication between the first and second devices if the first and second devices had initially been successfully authenticated.”
7. In regards to claims 2, and 3, Hind discloses a PIN (Hind: column 2, lines 60-61).
8. In regards to claims 4, 11-12 and 16, Hind discloses a wide-area or local area network (Hind: column 1, lines 34-37).
9. In regards to claim 5, Hind discloses a cellular radio link (Hind: column 1, line 66).

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10. In regards to claim 6 and 7, Hind discloses the devices are in the vicinity of the Bluetooth enabled device (Hind: column 1, lines 17-22, 55-67).

11. In regards to claims 8 and 9, Hind discloses Bluetooth (Hind: column 1, lines 38-54).

12. In regards to claims 10 and 15, Hind discloses the same PIN is entered by both users (Hind: column 2, line 62).


Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cas Stulberger whose telephone number is (703) 305-8034. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00A.M. - 5:00P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on (703) 305-1830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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